

REGIMENTAL WAR NOTES.—BY WM. B. FAINTER, HISTORIAN, FIFTEENTH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT.

The following very touching and pathetic sketch of two hero boys of the Fifteenth is the death of two mere boy soldiers of the Winfall Rifles, John F. Young and Willie L. Buford. We were now at our last line of intrenchments. We were so near each other that no one was safe from stray shots. There was much danger on the vidette or picket lines. John Young and Willie Buford were mere youths scarcely 18 years old driven into the army by that most iniquitous conscript act, that almost robbed the cradle and grave for soldiery. The boys came to the company and enrolled their names, and soon became favorites and excellent soldiers. It was customary for each company to make a detail for picket duty and Willie Buford was detailed to relieve friend John Young. They cautioned each other about exposing themselves to danger. They then parted for the last time in life on earth, but only to be united again in about one hour in death. John had got back to the main line and bathing his face and hands with water poured from his canteen by a friend he was in the act of drying his face with a towel, his head and body thrown forward in a stooping position, when he was struck by a stray ball killing him instantly. The ball entered the forehead just above the right eye and passing through the brain came out about the left ear. About the same time friend Willie fell on the picket line, shot almost identically in the same way and in the same place killing him instantly. Their remains were brought back to the main line. The bodies of the friends laid out side by side upon a blanket on the ground. Accused for three years to the sight of blood and death on the battlefield, the sight of these two boys as they cold and motionless, their pale faces upturned to the starry heaven only made us recoil and shudder for a moment. The deadly balls were flying thick and fast around, and every man was at his place in the lonely trenches looking for an assault from the enemy. We resolved to have as decent a funeral as possible and procured 2 coffins from Atlanta. The bodies were placed in the coffins tenderly and borne back of the lines a short distance with the moon shining brightly to a grove of small oaks on the side of a ridge, when a quad set about digging two graves and when finished the coffins were gently lowered the comrades formed a circle around the coffins, offering a parting salute. Thomas Reese, a God-fearing man and soldier, offered up one of the most impressive prayers we ever listened to and was one too particularly fitted to the noble character of these two boys who were raised by christian parents. At the conclusion of the prayer not a dry eye could be found in that little band of grimed-visaged warriors. In the stillness of the night the sound was heard save the report of musketry on the lines the whizzing of minnie balls above, the crashing shells

through the timbers lent terror to the mournful occasion. After the graves had been filled and marked with the following inscription:

Comrades in arms! Comrades in death.

There were on but brought no relief to the starved, ragged Confederates. Who had been in the ditches so long unwashed, unshaved, hair matted, their ration consisting of salt meat, corn-bread.

After the loss of Nashville the Army of Tennessee was sent to North Carolina where Gen. Joe Johnston our old beloved commander, who had been restored to command was organizing to oppose Gen. Sherman again, but to little purpose for the days of the Confederacy were now numbered. It only lasted 'till the opening of fair weather to bring about a final collapse of the "Immortal Lee's" hitherto invincible army a handful comparatively who succumbed to the inevitable, to be followed a few days later by the surrender of the Old Reliable Army of Tennessee fought its last battle at Bentonville, North Carolina, while the Boys in Grey stacked their arms, were paroled, and faced backward to begin life anew.

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WIGFALL RIFLES.

CO. D. FIFTEENTH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT.

First Captain W. F. Brantley; Afterwards Brigadier-General; Assassinated at Winona in 1870.

Second Captain J. B. Dunn, Lives at Eupora.

Third Captain Bob Medley; Assassinated at Jackson 1864.

Fourth Captain A. C. Middleton, Died at Santa Rosa Cal.

Lieut. D. L. Sweatman, Lives at Winona.

Lieut. Elijah Cochran, Discharged afterwards Killed at Harrisburg.

Lieut. L. W. Tribble, Last heard from in South Carolina.

Lieut. John McCaughey, Died in Kemper county.

Tom Harvey Harvey Died 1866 at Greensboro; Eugene Harvey Killed at Battle Peach Tree Creek R. F. Holloway, Died at Winona;

W. A. Davis Lives at Greensboro; D. P. Coffee Died at Greensboro

1864; Green Davis Orderly Sergeant Died at Lagrange 1876; Nim-

ron Daters Died Jan 27 Bellefontaine 1863; Ruram Dove Killed at

Bellefontaine; Jeff Davis; Died at Knoxville Tenn 1861. A. V. Davis

Lives near Oxford; Amos Davis Pontotoc county; Bob Hardin un-

known; Jesse Hoskins Lives near Greensboro; Rufus Morehead

Unknown; Wm Hoskins went to Ar.; Samuel Hoskins went to Ark

H. G. Platner Died since war; Wm Platner Died since war, Dick

plus, Died during war, John Philley Died since war, James Peo-

ple, Peoples lives Alva; J. Newton Campbell Gone to Texas, Jno

Cheran Killed at Shiloh, Harvey Atkins, Killed at Shiloh G. L.

Reagan Unknown, Alf Williams Gone to Texas, Daniel Williams

Died since the war, Howell Mitchell Lives near Walthall, John Mitchell, Lives near Monta Vista, Wyatt Mitchell, Dead, Mac Harison, Killed at Greensboro 1861, W. H. Harrison, Lives at Stewart, Wm Harris, Ephram; Fant; Died Sept 19 1863, James Biggers, Killed at Fishing Creek, '62, Dick Redding Died at Log Mountain Tenn '61; Harry Mullens Died since war, Wm Brown, Unknown; Bud Turner Gone to Texas, James Roseman Unknown, S. P. Dean, Unknown, Jesse Dean, Lives in Choctaw county, Dave Johnson, Died of Small-pox at Port Hudson La, Flood Kilpatrick Wounded and died at Vicksburg; Wash Selvel Died at Port Hudson La, smallpox, Jack McKey Killed at Fishing Creek, James Holloway Went to Texas, L D Coffey lives at Greensboro, J L Harvey lives near Graden, James Addams Unknown, ——— Polk, Unknown, Pink Griffin lives near Vaiden, Hub Scott, Killed at Fishing Creek, John Scott, Unknown, Dan Morris In Texas, Jobe Ellis Unknown, MacEllis Denver, Dave Mimms, Killed at Shiloh, Wm Feilding Allen Mills Died in Georgia 1864, James Simpson Unknown, Jas; Hinson Killed at Kennesaw Mountain, Dave Kirksey Unknown, John Yearby Unknown; Wash Lewis 1876 Andy Lewis Died in 1891, Tom Lewis Killed at Double Springs 1867, J B Dodridge killed at Shiloh, George Whatley, Captured at Atlanta Ga, John Sheppard Unknown, Jasper Norwood Unknown, Died since the war, W Norwood, Unknown, Caleb Reed, Unknown, Pat Russell killed mb negro soldiers after surrendered at Greensboro N. C. Pat Synnottt Died at Cumberland Gap 1861, Laurence Synnottt Killed at New Hope Church, Wm McLaughlin Died 1878 at Lodi, Billy Finney Killed Dec 15 at Nashville Tenn; Mike Finney Unknown; Dick Walpole Unknown, I H Pryor Lives near Slate Springs, Elias G Gore, Killed at Battle Fishing Creek, J E Gore Lives near Calug, Legislature Bill Smith Unknown, John Smith Unknown, Treas Smith Lives in N. C, Jed Bowick, In Choctaw county, Can Crick, Meda Gaylor Killed at Fishing Creek, Jan 19 '62, George Smith Died during war, M L Crick Lives near Alva, Enoch Gaylor, Was Killed at Battle Fishing Creek, Jackson; Died during war, Tom Valth, Lives in Sunflower county, E W Desbazo, Captured at Atlanta joined Cavalry, Aaron Hutto Lives near Eupora, John D Lusk Wounded and died at Battle of Franklin, T N Arnold Lives at Walthall, J O Roseman died at Knoxville 1861, Elehne Williams, James Williams, Unknown, F M Newman died in Ark, ——— Orr unknown, Jack Tyson killed at Jackson Miss July 1862, Blumby Tyson, unknown, J E Johnson, killed at Greensboro by guards, Bob Johnson went to Texas, Johnson unknown, William Johnson, unknown, Louis Stiller, Killed at Atlanta, Tom McCrory, died at Clinton, La, Bill McClure Killed accidentally, Virgili Roseman, Vaiden, G. M Treckett, lives near Eupora, Tom Johnson Killed at Walthall, Dr Dickson unknown, Frank Cannon unknown W L, D Terry gone to Arkansas, Tom M. Gore Lives at Walthall Frank Rochel, Gone to Texas, Phillip Woods Lives near Spring Creek.

HISTORY OF THE BURT RIFLES,

18th Mississippi Regiment, From Its Organization to April 1, 1865.

[COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS BY J. L. POWER.]

The Burt Rifles was organized at Jackson, Miss., and mustered to the State service by Col. Wm. H. Brown, Adjutant General of the State, on the 22d day of April, 1861. On the 24th of that month the company took the cars at Jackson for Corinth where it arrived on the 26th. Here it was placed in the 18th Mississippi Regiment at the organization of which Captain E. R. Burt was selected its gallant commander and Colonel. The company accompanied the regiment to Virginia and participated with it in all its battles. (19 in number,) skirmishes and marches, and contributed its full share to the brilliant reputation the regiment won for itself. On the promotion of Captain Burt June 7 1861 the Rev. Edward Fontaine was selected by the company as its commander who remained with it as Captain until the 10th of October following when he was appointed Colonel and Chief of Ordinance for Mississippi. Captain Jas. O. Campbell of Brandon, succeeded Capt Fontaine; Capt. Jos. Sessions of Lexington was its last grand commander.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

E. R. Burt, Captain—Promoted Colonel June 7 1861; In action at 1st Manassas; died of wounds received at Leesburg.
J. B. Fearn, 1st Lieutenant; Disabled at Leesburg, and resigned Oct 21 1863.
J. C. Campbell, 2d Lieutenant; Promoted Captain 10th 1861; Major 27th 1862; in nine battles: killed May 3 1862.
H. D. McLaurin, 3d Lieutenant, Disabled at 1st Manassas, resigned Jan 22, '62.
C. E. Stuart, 1st Major. Promoted Sergeant-Major June 25th, 1861, Adjutant Nov. 1st, '62, in four battles, wounded at Leesburg, killed at Murray's Heights, May 8d, '63.
W. H. Paffy, 2nd Sergeant, promoted 1st Sergeant June 1st, '63. Sergeant major June 20th, in eight battles and was killed at Gettysburg on July 3d, '63.
J. S. Pool, 3d Sergeant, transferred to Commissary Department on Dec. 25th, '61, was in two actions with company.
M. Goodloe, 4th Sergeant, In 6 actions, killed while bravely discharging his duty at Sharpsburg Sept 17 1862.
M. T. Patton, 5th Sergeant, promoted 1st Sergeant Jan 25, 1862.
2d Lieut April 27 1866; in six actions, disabled at Sharpsburg.
F. E. Daniel, 1st Corporal—Promoted to 1st Sergeant June 2, 1861 in action at 1st Manassas; discharged Sept, 1 1861. Commis-

46TH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT.

Regimental Field and Staff Officers.

W. S. STATHAM, Commissioned June 6, 1861, Yalobusha Co. Died at Vicksburg, Miss. Colonel.
J. W. HEMPHILL, Commissioned June 6, 1861, Choctaw Co. Resigned on account ill health... Lt-Colonel.
J. B. DENNIS, Commissioned June 6, 1861, Attala County. Resigned, Captain Brantly Succeeded Major Dennis... Major.

STAFF.

James R. Binford, of Duck Hill, Adjutant; H. H. Patton, of Water Valley, Sergeant-Major; Dr. E. P. Armstead, of Grenada, Surgeon, Charley Armstead, of Grenada, Quartermaster; J. W. Wade, of Goodman, of Commissary; V. N. Archer, Ensign; W. Winter, Chaplain.

—COMPANY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—

Co. A.—Long Creek Rifles, Bluff Springs, Attala Co. Capt. Lamp F. Terry; 1st Lieut. Elijah Y. Fleming; 2d Lieut. John B. Love; 3d Lieut. Thomas J. Clark, 75 men.
Co. B.—Winona Stars, Winona, Carroll Co. Capt. Thomas Boothe; 1st Lieut. N. Burton; 2d Lieut. Hugh O. Freeman 3d Lieut. Wm. L. Tyson, 100 men.
Co. C.—The Quitman Rifles, Goodman, Holmes Co. Capt. J. W. Wade, 1st Lieut. A. J. Knapp, 2d Lieut. Wm. Collins, 3d Lieut. W. Harrington, 80 men.
Co. D.—The Wigfall Rifles, Greensboro, Choctaw Co. Capt. W. F. Brantly, 1st Lieut. J. B. Dunn; 2d Lieut. A. W. Middleton; 2d T. W. Iribble, 80 men.
Co. E.—McClung Rifles, Duck Hill, Carroll Co. Capt. Edgar Sykes; 1st Lieut. John A. Binford; 2d Lieut. Thomas W. Allen, 3d Lieut. Robert A. Shelton, 100 men.
Co. F.—Water Valley Rifles, Water Valley, Yalobusha Co. Capt. B. Collins; 1st Lieut. John P. D. Wood, 2d Lieut. Robert A. Bankhead; 3d Lieut. William B. Painter, 100 men.
Co. G.—Grenada Rifles, Grenada, Yalobusha Co. Capt. Winfield S. Statham, 1st Lieut. E. R. Armstead, 2d Lieut. J. H. Ayres, 3d Lieut. W. L. Greer, 80 men.
Co. H.—Yalobusha Rifles, Coffeeville, Yalobusha Co. Captain P. M. Adridge; 1st Lieut. Edward Carey Walthall, 2d Lieut. George J. Martin, 3d Lieut. Wm. Redditt, 90 men.
Co. I.—Choctaw Guards, French Creek, Choctaw, Captain, Capt. Love; 1st Lieut. J. W. Hemphill, 2d Lieut. P. G. Prewitt, 3d Lieut. Taylor, 80 men.

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COMPANY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Co. K.—Oktibbeha Plowboys Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Capt. J. M. Watson, 1st Lieut. L. S. Terry; 2d Lieut. T. S. Weston; 3d Lieut. B. B. Stanton, 80 men.

This company was discharged in a few weeks after being mustered into Fifteenth Regiment on account of measles, and the Choctaw Grays, Capt. Thomas B. Ford; 1st Lieut. Charles Edwards; 2d Lieut. Stanes; 3d Lieut. J. E. Gore 100 men taking their place.

Thus did this heroic regiment come into existence!

The Fighting Regiment.

They were brave good boys.

How they fought to whip the enemy.

Thrilling War Reminiscences!

"Give them the meed of praise they have won in the past,

Give them the honors of their future forecast,

Give them the chaplets they won in the strife,

Give them the laurels they lost with their life!"

Total strength of the Fifteenth Regiment rank and file, 1,500.

The Fifteenth Mississippi Regiment was organized at Corinth, Mt. I., May 27th, 1861.

Attached to Army of Mississippi, Army of Tennessee, Army of Vicksburg.

At Cumberland Gap, and Knoxville, Sept. 12, 1861.

At Cumberland Ford, Sept. 24, 1861. Zollicoffer Brigade.

Western Department, A. S. Johnston, Battle of Fishing Creek.

Dept., Miss. and East La. Aug. 26, 1863, Adams Brigade.

At Atlanta, July 19, 1864, 15th Regt. compel surrender 52 Ohio.

Regt., which was liberated later.

PROMOTIONS.

Col. M. Farrell succeeded Col. Wm. S. Statham, who died at Siege of Vicksburg from disease; to the command of the Regiment on the Georgia Campaign, who was severely wounded in the thigh at the Battle of Franklin, and who after amputation, an operation which he did not survive many days before death put an end to his sufferings. Thus passed away one of the best men, fitted by nature for a soldier and to command men. He gloried in his profession, and his greatest pride was his regiment; and they would willingly follow him into the jaws of death at all times, and the regiment never had a commander for whom they had greater confidence or respect.

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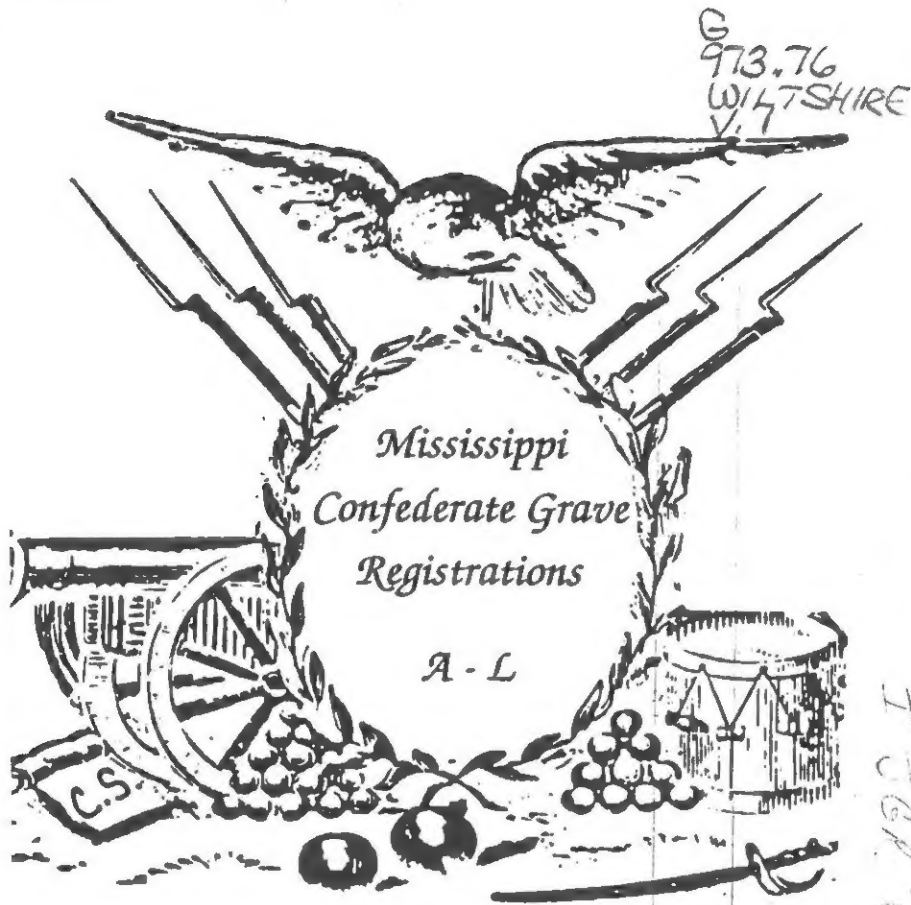
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BRANNON, T. J.	Buyer	1840-1908	Mont
BRANNON, T. O.	14th MS Inf.	1844-1927	Clar
BRANNON, T. P.	10th VA. Cav.	1846-1921	VA
BRANNON, Wiley L.	15th MS Inf.	1838-1913	Yalo
BRANSCOTT, William B.	11th AL Cav.	1846-1923	AL
BRANSCOME, John E.	11th AL Cav.	1844-1923	AL
BRANSFORD, Andrew J.	10th MS Inf.	1892	Mont
BRANSFORD, Joseph F.	8th MS Cav.	1846-1935	Calh
BRANSON, D. L.	4th AL Cav.	1839-1887	AL
BRANTLEY, George W.	1st MS Lt. Art.	1829-1894	Copl
BRANTLEY, Jack	15th MS Inf.	1827-1883	GA
BRANTLEY, John H.	15th MS Inf.	1813-1876	Holm
BRANTLEY, Jonathan	15th MS Inf.	1819-1900	Holm
BRANTLEY, L. F.	7th MS Inf.	1836-1911	CA
BRANTLEY, R. H.	51st GA Inf.	1835-1910	GA
BRANTLEY, W. P.	2nd MS Cav.	1827-1908	Laud
BRANTLY, William F.	15th MS Inf.	1831-1871	Webb
BRANTON, M. M.	7th MS Inf.	1838-1916	MS
BRASEL, J. F.	1st MS Inf.	1849-1927	Pano
BRASELMANN, Thomas N.	2nd MS Inf.	1834-1861	SC
BRASFELD, Leroy K.	43rd MS Inf.	1832-1908	Mont
BRASHARS, W. F.	3rd LA Cav.	1847-1923	LA
BRASHER, John T.	42nd MS Inf.	1828-1884	Calh
BRASHIER, W. M.	8th MS Inf.	1829-1911	Wayn
BRASINGTON, W. F.	13th MS Inf.	1840-1916	Newt
BRASSELL, Edward P.	20th MS Inf.	1848-1936	Scot
BRASSELL, John	1st MS Inf.	1844-1875	Scot
BRASSFIELD, James G.	35th MS Inf.	1837-1926	Chic
BRASSFIELD, Levi	5 & 35 MS Inf.	1841-1916	Chic
BRASSFIELD, W. W.	2nd AL Cav.	1833-1910	AL
BRASWELL, W. P.	5th MS Inf.	1845-1922	Kemp
BRATTON, George B.	42nd MS Inf.	1840-1890	Calh
BRATTON, Joseph N.	2nd MS Inf.	1839-1925	Carr
BRATTON, Thomas	4th MS Inf.	1838-1906	Gren
BRAUGHTON, William A.	51st AL Inf.	1844-1908	AL
BRAY, A. P.	9th MS Cav.	1834-1911	Oklt
BRAY, James	8th MS Cav.	1838-1916	MS
BRAY, James F.	3rd MS Cav.	1815-1897	Mont
BRAY, W. H.	31st TN Inf.	1825-1899	TN
BRAY, William H.	9th MS Cav.	1834-1899	Chic
BREAKFIELD, William M.	7th MS Inf.	1834-1908	Mari
BREAL, C. A.	1st AL Inf.	1842-1917	LA
BREAZEALE, J. P.	31st LA Inf.	1839-1910	LA
BREAZEALE, William W.	16th MS Inf.	1841-1906	Copl
BREEDEN, L.	12th MS Inf.	1849-1933	Copl
BREEDON, Marton	7th MS Inf.	1849-1917	Pike
BREELAND, David A.	9th MS Cav.	1829-1916	Ston
BREELAND, Jesse	28th AL Inf.	1826-1911	AL
BREELAND, A. H/R	3rd MS Inf.	1821-1903	Grec
BREELAND, Asa	3rd MS Inf.	1835-1925	MS
BREELAND, Bostick	9th MS Cav.	1844-1926	Ston
BREELAND, Colon	9th MS Cav.	1844-1926	Ston

BRELAND, George	17th MS Cav.	1831-1893	Perr
BRELAND, George W.	2nd MS Inf.	1848-1918	Warr
BRELAND, John C.	9th MS Cav.	1842-1915	Grec
BRELAND, John C.	Steddes MS Cav.	1839-1892	MS
BRELAND, John W.	4th MS Cav.	1834-1910	Grec
BRELAND, John W.	3rd MS Inf.	1839-1919	Ston
BRELAND, Maitner	17th MS Cav.	1831-1903	Grec
BRELAND, Robert N.	5th MS Inf.	1832-1906	Nesh
BRELAND, Samuel	3rd State Troops	1816-1894	GA
BRELAND, William Frank	3rd MS Inf.	1847-1918	Grec
BRENT, J. A.	Powers LA Regt.	1805-1895	Hind
BRENT, James A.	3rd MS Inf.	1836-1919	Hind
BRENT, James A.	3rd MS Inf.	1836-1900	Hind
BRENT, John Charnell	18th MS Inf.	1842-1910	Hind
BRENT, John W.	14th MS Inf.	1847-1922	Oklt
BRENT, Preston	38th MS Cav.	1833-1884	Pike
BRENT, William E.	38th MS Cav.	1842-1913	Pike
BRENTS, William T.	9th MS Inf.	1835-1908	Mars
BRESNEHAN, Daniel	2nd MS Inf.	1836-1910	Hind
BRETT, Josephus M.	9th MS Inf.	1847-1879	Pano
BREWARD, D. F.	5th LA Art.	1842-1908	LA
BREWARD, John G.	5th LA Inf.	1839-1892	LA
BREVARD, John G.	5th LA Art.	1834-1892	LA
BREWER, A. A.	17th MS Cav.	1835-1928	Grec
BREWER, A. G.	4th MS Cav.	1846-1928	Lawr
BREWER, A. M.	4th MS Cav.	1844-1889	Lawr
BREWER, A. W.	15th MS Inf.	1832-1889	Carr
BREWER, Alonzo A.	22nd LA Inf.	1841-1927	LA
BREWER, Christopher C.	24th MS Inf.	1837-1900	Grec
BREWER, Daniel Webster	18th LA Inf.	1823-1907	LA
BREWER, J. C.	14th MS Inf.	1835-1912	Jasp
BREWER, F. M.	5th MS Inf.	1829-1904	Lowm
BREWER, Frank	40th MS Inf.	1826-1898	AL
BREWER, Henry J.	Peytons MS Cav.	1845-1921	Linc
BREWER, J. L.	35th MS Inf.	1834-1926	Wins
BREWER, John W.	1st MS Shrsht	1830-1901	VA
BREWER, John W.	43rd MS Inf.	1844-1911	Mont
BREWER, L. D.	2nd MS Cav.	1833-1921	Hind
BREWER, People H.	42nd MS Inf.	1845-1916	Tate
BREWER, Peter Rabb	4th LA Inf.	1839-1908	LA
BREWER, Ralulf R.	Ballentines		
BREWER, Samuel L.	MS Cav.	1831-1881	Carr
BREWER, Samuel N.	15th MS Inf.	1830-1880	Carr
BREWER, W. A.	10th MS Cav.	1821-1884	Noxu
BREWER, W. C.	32nd MS Inf.	1839-1911	Tsh
BREWER, W. M.	9th TN Inf.	1814-1919	TN
BREWER, W. W.	15th MS Inf.	1830-1912	Laud
BREWER, William T.	30th MS Inf.	1832-1899	Carr
BREWSTER, Hillard J.	37th MS Inf.	1840-1909	Smit
BREWSTER, Hiram H.	MS Cav.	1833-1877	TN
BREWSTER, Hiram H.	36th MS Inf.	1824-1905	Laud